

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Recessed Meeting of  
September 24, 1970

September 28, 1970  
9:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor LaRue presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,  
Mayor LaRue

Absent: None

Present also: Lynn H. Andrews, City Manager; Don R. Butler, City  
Attorney

ORDINANCE AMENDING CLASSIFICATION  
AND WAGE SCHEDULES FOR POLICE AND FIREMEN

Mayor LaRue introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF ALL  
POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN; ASCRIBING A CIVIL SERVICE CLASSI-  
FICATION NUMBER TO EACH CLASSIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR  
DUTY ASSIGNMENTS UNDER SUCH CLASSIFICATIONS; ESTABLISH-  
ING BASE SALARIES; PROVIDING FOR EXPERIENCE SALARY INCREASES;  
PROVIDING FOR LONGEVITY PAY FOR SUCH CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES;  
PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES  
PERFORMING DUTIES OF SUCH CLASSIFIED POSITIONS AT THE  
TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE WITHOUT HAVING  
TO TAKE A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR SUCH POSITION; PRO-  
HIBITING UNAUTHORIZED FILLING OF POSITIONS; REGULATING  
PROMOTIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDI-  
NANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY  
CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FIXING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Johnson moved that  
the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The  
motion, seconded by Janes, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,  
Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Johnson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Janes, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,  
Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Johnson moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Janes, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,  
Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### AUSTIN PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

MR. ROGAN GILES noted a possible appeal to the Courts by the Austin Property Owners' Association, stating if they appeal, they would have to do so before the tax roll was adopted. He recalled the letter written to all of the Councilmen setting out four ideas regarding an evaluation system encompassing the entire City, and the creation of an advisory board by the Council to be composed of real estate representatives, appraisors and people familiar with real estate values to consult with the Tax Department before notices of re-evaluation were sent out. The City Attorney explained the procedures required by the Charter and the State Statute as to adopting the Budget and approving the tax rolls.

#### APPROVAL OF TAX ROLLS

After discussion, Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### (RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the Board of Equalization of the City of Austin has certified its approval of the tax assessment rolls and records of the City of Austin for the year 1970, and has forwarded the same to the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, said tax assessment rolls appear in all respects to be in correct form and prior to their submission the valuations of property shown in said rolls have been examined and corrected in the manner provided by law and ordinances of the City of Austin by the Board of Equalization; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That subject to such adjustments as may be found necessary by reason of appeals pending, the tax assessment roll, showing a total amount of \$1,070,065,560 valuation for said year, be and the same is hereby approved adopted.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Gage, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,  
Mayor LaRue  
Noes: None

ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING TAXES  
FOR THE YEAR 1970-71

Mayor LaRue introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM  
TAXES FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR  
1970; AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE  
PROVIDED; DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION  
THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time, and Councilman Atkison moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,  
Mayor LaRue  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time, and Councilman Atkison moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,  
Mayor LaRue  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time, and Councilman Atkison moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,  
Mayor LaRue  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

SHOAL CREEK

Councilman Gage reported a phone call from residents on Shoal Creek, and that he went out to look at their problem where a big piece of concrete had blocked the creek. The Deputy City Manager reported the group is aware of a meeting to be held at 2:00 P.M. this date, and a recommendation will be formulated.

ADJOURNMENT

On Councilman Johnson's motion, Councilman Gage's second, the Council adjourned.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk